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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1(currently amended). A water-scavenging agent for an organic EL device comprising a compound of formula (I) as a primary component selected from the group consisting of:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R_1 & C & O & O \\
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R_6 & N & R_7 \\
R_8 & R_5 & R_7
\end{array}$$

wherein,

R₊ and R₂ are each independently C₄₋₁₀ alkyl;

 R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 are each independently kidrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl C_{1-6} hydroxyalkyl or C_{3-9} alkenyl; or R_5 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 form together with the espective nitrogen atoms attached theeto a condensed armatic ring containing two nitrogen atoms; and M is cobalt, manganese or aluminum.

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Claim 2(cancelled).

3(previously presented). An organic EL device which comprises a glass substrate plate having an organic luminescent part, a sealing case having a cap to be sealed with said glass plate to enclose said organic luminescent part and a water-scavenging means installed inside said sealing case, the water-scavenging means containing the water-scavenging agent of claim 1.

4(original). The organic EL device of claim 3, wherein the water-scavenging agent is in the form of a layer coated on the inner wall of the sealing case.

5(original). The organic EL device of claim 3, wherein the water-scavenging agent is in the form of a powder held inside the sealing case.

Claims 6-9(cancelled).